



March 15, 2023

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker Emerita of the House of Representatives
1236 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Emerita Pelosi,

I am writing in support the San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing's application for \$1.25 million from 2024 Community Project Funding for the installation of "Brave Buttons" in permanent supportive housing. This project will help San Francisco's efforts to address the overdose crisis in our community.

While we have seen a slight decline in the number of overdose deaths since 2020, we are still in a crisis as deaths remain well above pre-pandemic 2019 levels. Drug overdoses are a serious challenge particularly our homeless and formerly homeless community. Since July 2020, San Francisco has moved over 3,500 people off the streets and into permanent homes. These buildings provide long term affordable housing and onsite social services to households leaving homelessness. Despite this success, we continue to face challenges with substance use and overdose in our permanent supportive housing buildings. The San Francisco Chronicle estimates that 240 people living in supportive housing died from drug overdoses since 2019. Despite robust social services offered onsite we are struggling to reverse this trend.

To address this critical challenge and prevent overdose deaths, San Francisco is requesting \$1.25 million in federal funding to install "brave buttons" in over 9,500 units of supportive housing across the city and funding peer specialists to check on tenants if they are using alone or are at risk of overdosing. These buttons allow tenants to alert staff if they are in need of support or wellness checks. These buttons have been piloted on a small scale and are demonstrating promise at reducing overdose deaths among this high-risk population.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "London Breed".

London N. Breed
Mayor

California Legislature

March 13, 2023

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Alex Padilla
United States Senator
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC, 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker Emerita of the House of Representatives
1236 Longworth H.O.B.
Washington, DC 20515

RE: San Francisco City and County Brave Button Funding Request

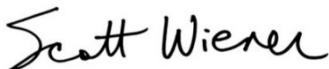
Dear Senator Feinstein, Senator Padilla, and Speaker Emerita Pelosi:

We write in support of San Francisco's request for \$1.25 million in federal funding to install "brave buttons" in over 9,500 units of supportive housing across the city. "Brave buttons" allow tenants to alert staff if they are in need of support or wellness checks.

The drug overdose crisis is severely impacting San Francisco, particularly our homeless and formerly homeless community. Since July 2020 San Francisco has moved over 3,500 people off the streets and into permanent homes. Despite this success, we continue to face challenges with substance use and overdoses in our permanent supportive housing buildings. These buildings provide long-term affordable housing and onsite social services to individuals exiting homelessness. Piloted on a small scale, these "brave button" are demonstrating promise at reducing overdose deaths among this high-risk population.

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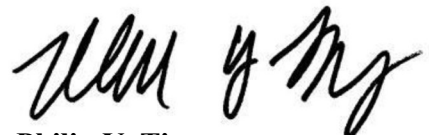
Sincerely,



Scott Wiener
Senator, 11th District



Matt Haney
Assemblymember, 17th District



Philip Y. Ting
Assemblymember, 19th District